

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2252 – SB 3494

March 1, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Coordinator of Elections to develop a program enabling each precinct registrar to conduct an online search of the Coordinator's records that are linked to the Department of Safety database to retrieve a photographic image of a voter when the voter is unable to present valid evidence of identification.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,780,600/One-Time/FY12-13

\$193,314/FY12-13

\$96,657/FY13-14

\$193,314/FY14-15

\$96,657/FY15-16

Assumptions:

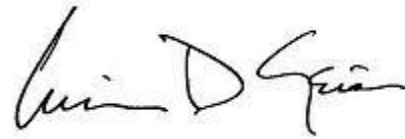
- According to the Department of Safety, contract employees will be used to develop the program(s) to provide access to the department's image database through the Coordinator of Elections' office. The Information Technology (IT) section within the Department of Safety does not have the resources to develop such a program internally.
- According to the Department of Safety, the one-time increase in state expenditures for the IT contract will be \$6,750. This includes programming time of \$3,750 (50 hours at \$75/hour); analyst time of \$1,200 (20 hours at \$60/hr); and a project manager at \$1,800 (20 hours at \$90/hr).
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, a laptop computer will be required for each local precinct. The laptops will be purchased through the state contract at a cost of \$822 per laptop.
- There are 2,158 precincts across the state. The one-time increase in state expenditures to purchase laptops for all precincts will be \$1,773,876 (2,158 x \$822 per laptop).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures in FY12-13 will be \$1,780,626 (\$6,750 + \$1,773,876).
- The cost to rent internet access devices for each precinct will be \$96,657 per election (\$44.79 internet rental per election x 2,158 precincts).
- In FY12-13 and FY14-15 the increase in state expenditures for internet access will be \$193,314 each year. This is based on the cost of \$96,657 per election for two elections (August and November) in each of these years (\$96,657 x 2).

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- In FY13-14 the increase in state expenditures for internet access will be \$96,657. This is based on one election (May primary).
- In FY15-16 the increase in state expenditures for internet access will be \$96,657 for the Presidential Preference Primary. The county primary will be held with the Presidential Preference Primary; and therefore, the cost of internet access will be for the combined election, which is paid by the state.
- Since the bill does not specify who will pay the cost of the program, for purposes of this estimate, it is assumed that the state will pay the cost of the program which includes programming and laptops and internet access for the precincts.
- If local governments are responsible for paying the cost of internet access for the precincts, the cost will be the same as it is for state government, which is \$96,657 per election.
- Training for the election officials on the use of the program can be accomplished without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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